

The Guam Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics is pleased to release the [December 2010 Current Employment Report](#) (pdf format).

Current Employment Report Employment Highlights

The December 2010 preliminary statistics show the total number of jobs on Guam increased, over the latest year, by 1,350 or 2.2 percent. The rate of growth has slowed; in the latest three quarters total employment increased by less than one percent. Increased employment related to increased visitor arrivals contributed to the year's increase. Over the latest year, the private sector job count increased by 1,120 jobs, accounted for primarily by an increase in Services, with 1,030 jobs added.

This is the second consecutive quarter in which construction employment dipped slightly. This quarter, Hotels and all other Services increased by 110 and 210 jobs, respectively. Federal employment increased by 40 this quarter, up by 80 jobs from the prior year's figures. Government of Guam employment was essentially unchanged in the latest quarter but increased by 150 jobs over the year.

Private average hourly earnings, weekly hours paid and weekly earnings were virtually unchanged in the latest quarter. Average hourly earnings increased by 21 cents per hour from \$12.16 in December 2009 to \$12.37 in December 2010. Over the same time period, average weekly hours paid increased from 36.1 to 36.4 and average weekly earnings increased correspondingly from \$439.52 to \$450.54 or by 2.5 percent.